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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6984 NOTE PREPARED: Mar 4, 2014 BILL NUMBER: HB 1336 BILL AMENDED: Feb 25, 2014

SUBJECT: EMS State Medical Director.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown T BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Patricia Miller

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> State EMS Director- The bill requires the Executive Director of the Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) to appoint a state emergency medical services (EMS) medical director (EMS director) to oversee all medical aspects of the state EMS system. The bill sets forth qualifications and duties for the EMS director.

Emergency Medical Services Commission- The bill allows the Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) to approve the appointment within 30 days.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *State EMS Director*- Adding a new director to the IDHS would increase state expenditures. The total expenditure would depend on the salary level agreed on between the IDHS and the successful candidate for the position, fringe benefits awarded, and other support costs, such as office amenities and a computer.

If existing staffing and resources of the IDHS are insufficient to implement the position, additional funds and resources could be supplied through existing resources currently being used in another program or with new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and/or administrative actions.

Emergency Medical Services Commission- For the first half of 2014, the EMSC is scheduled to meet six times, once per month. Assuming, that a similar meeting schedule is maintained in future years, it is likely the EMSC could act in regard to an appointment to the state EMS director within existing scheduled

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meetings.

<u>Additional Information</u>- As of October 2013, the average salary for state-employed physicians and psychiatrists was \$152,200. The average was figured from staff physicians and psychiatrists with FSSA, State Department of Health, Evansville State Hospital, Madison State Hospital, Logansport State Hospital, and Richmond State Hospital. A state employee paid approximately \$152,000 annually would also receive fringe benefits estimated at \$45,000 annually. The IDHS has approximately \$10.6 M in annual payroll, of which \$733,000 is for vacant positions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Homeland Security; Emergency Medical Services Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

<u>Information Sources:</u> *State Staffing Report* October 3, 2013; Department of Homeland Security website for Emergency Medical Services Commission: http://www.in.gov/dhs/3270.htm.

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